

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF HEARING AID DEALER EXAMINERS
APRIL 4, 2012**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Reese called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. in Conference Center Room 7 located in the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, and established a quorum in accordance with IC § 25-29-2-5.

Members Present:

Allen Reese, H.A.D., Chairman
Robert H. Payne, H.A.D.
Richard Miyamoto, M.D.

Members Absent:

Anthony Gigli, Consumer Member
Vacant Member, H.A.D., Vice-Chair

Staff Present:

Thomas McGee, Committee Director
Ronnie Saunders, Assistant Committee Director
Kevin McDowell, Deputy Attorney General

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda, as amended.

PAYNE/MIYAMOTO
Motion carried 3-0-0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 5, 2011

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2011 meeting of the Committee.

PAYNE/MIYAMOTO
Motion carried 3-0-0

IV. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

a. Gerald C. Thiele, SHAD Application

Mr. Thiele appeared before the Board based upon his request for a third Student Hearing Aid Dealer permit. Mr. Thiele indicated that he had received a letter from the Committee that his second SHAD had been terminated as his sponsor Ronald Beheynt was no longer intending to serve as his sponsor. Mr. Beheynt appeared on Mr. Thiele's behalf and indicated that he had never sent such correspondence to the Committee. Mr. Thiele presented his correspondence from the Committee.

The Committee then discussed Mr. Thiele's multiple examination attempts. The Committee counseled Mr. Thiele that he should obtain more current study materials.

A motion was made and seconded to issue Mr. Thiele' a Student Hearing Aid Dealer permit.

PAYNE/MIYAMOTO
Motion Carried 3-0-0

V. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion on Committee of Hearing Aid Dealer Examiners acting as Administrative Law Judge for Medical Licensing Board

Mr. McGee discussed with the Committee that the Committee could meet with the Medical Licensing Board to discuss the Committee serving as the Administrative Law Judge for cases involving hearing aid dealers. The Committee resolved that it would ask to be placed on an upcoming Medical Licensing Board agenda to discuss this opportunity with them.

b. Update regarding the written and practical examinations

Mr. Reese discussed that there were still discussions regarding the Indiana Hearing Alliance taking over the administration of both the written and practical examinations. The Committee and its staff indicated an interest in contracting out the examination responsibilities.

c. ROEC Committee report update and legislative update

Mr. McGee discussed that HB 1004 had been pulled and that no legislation directly affecting the Committee was passed during the 2012 session. Mr. Reese indicated that the Indiana Hearing Alliance had been informed that the bill could possible resurface again next year.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Committee of Hearing Aid Dealer Examiners adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Allen Reese, H.A.D.

Date

Chairman, Committee of Hearing Aid Dealer Examiners